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Henry Cabot Lodge

A Blue-Blood Defender Of International Crime

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SEN. J. W. FULBRIGHT was talking of the Central Intelligence Agency when he opened the hearings on the U-2 flight over Sverdlovsk.

The CIA has no "normal standards," the Arkansas Democrat said. It operates without any moral restraints. For "intelligence operations" involved "lying, cheating, murder, stealing, seduction and suicide," he said.

This pirate gang has the United States Government behind it, however. President Eisenhower gives its deeds his official blessing. And Henry Cabot Lodge, the blue-blooded Ambassador to the United Nations, was chosen to defend its international crimes at the UN's Security Council.

CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Lodge's job wasn't easy. His client had been caught red-handed in a crime that might have started a war. Pilot Powers, the chief witness, had confessed. His spy plane had been rocketed down some 1,200 miles inside a foreign state's borders. The Soviet charges of "aggression" seemed air-tight. Andrei Gromyko was presenting the details of the crime with deadly precision. And I wondered what evidence Lodge would try to present, as I watched him scribbling from my press seat 20 yards away.

The answer came quickly. Lodge hadn't any evidence at all. Like a small boy caught with his playmate's marbles in his pockets, he just called names and told fibs one after another.

"COVER-UP" LIES

Lying, incidentally, has the official sanction of the Eisenhower Administration. This sanction was given by the President himself in his speech to the nation on May 27th. Ike justified the false stories put out on the U-2 flight as legitimate "covering [that is, cover-up] statements." But I prefer the old English word "lie." And I'll list a few of Lodge's fables under the headings: Lies A, B, C and D.

LIE A: The U-2, said Lodge, was just a "non-military" plane, that was committing no "aggression."

That lie was too transparent, however. The U-2 was directed by the CIA, a well-armed outfit. Its flights had the active cooperation of the U.S. Air Force. spy spy flights in foreign

air space are acts of "aggression."

LIE B: The United States, said Lodge, "has never engaged in acts of aggression." How I wish that were true. Peace lovers must face the facts. And the records show that:

The Mexican War; as General U.S. Grant said, was one of the most unjust [aggressive] wars in history.

The bandit-like invasion of Soviet Russia in 1918 and 1919, without a Declaration of War, was sheer aggression.

The crushing of the Filipino Republic in blood was crude aggression.

And the U.S. Marines have butchered thousands of citizens of the Caribbean Republics in many invasions — without Declarations of War — in the Twentieth Century.

LIE C: "The United States," said Lodge, "has never engaged in sabotage." I wish that too were true. But we can't clean up the muck in American political life by shutting our eyes. And the CIA's sabotage record is too gross to cover up.

NOT SO, SAYS HARRIMAN

LIE D: The USSR, said Lodge, once put a transistor listening "bug" in a carved model of the Seal of the United States. And the model, with its sound-tapping device, was presented to Ambassador W. Averell Harriman in Moscow in 1945, he said.

This story made the newspaper headlines in a very big way. But Harriman threw the "bugging" yarn down. "The Russians didn't have that sophisticated type of miniature equipment at the time," he told the press. And Gromyko scornfully asked Lodge "from what play all this has been taken?"

Harriman's answer was ignored by most papers. But the tabloids gave their entire front pages to Lodge's "bugging" play. And the New York Herald Tribune nominated Lodge for the Vice Presidency.

THE "TRIB'S" V.P.

The "Trib" is owned by John Hay Whitney, the Standard Oil magnate, who is Ike's envoy to London. And Roscoe Drummond, its chief political columnist, hailed Lodge as the Number One contender for the Number Two place on the ticket. Both Nixon and Rockefeller would welcome the man who answered Gromyko, as their running mate, the "Trib" man declared.

The Vice President is just a step away from itself. So it's

this candidate's background a little.

It's impossible to evaluate Lodge apart from his family background. For Lodge was put into politics by the Massachusetts Republican machine because of his family. And few men have made more of a fetish of their ancestors than Lodge and his grandfather, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, the First.

Lodge's ancestors have belonged to the top ruling circle of Massachusetts for more than two hundred years. And no member of the family has needed to work for a living since Lodge's paternal great grandfather retired from the China shipping trade a Century ago.

CABOT "THE GREAT"

The first Lodge came to Massachusetts as a refugee from the slave insurrection in Haiti in 1791, and went into business at

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